

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 84

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Relative to the Department of Transportation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 17, Costa. Department of Transportation: State Highway Route 99.

This measure would request the Department of Transportation to identify those transportation-related needs on State Highway Route 99 between Bakersfield and Sacramento that would result in traffic congestion relief and the increased transportation of goods. The measure would urge the department to prepare a report to be submitted to the Legislature on its findings.

WHEREAS, California's economic vitality and the quality of California's communities and natural environment are expected to attract an additional half-million residents annually; and

WHEREAS, This growth rate presents challenges to the state in providing and maintaining sufficient infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Transportation is essential to most activities affecting California's business, recreation, and economy, and is integrally linked to land-use decisionmaking, housing, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, The State Highway Route 99 corridor is a major corridor for commercial services and the movement of goods in the Central Valley and throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, The Central Valley is the most productive agricultural region in the world, and State Highway Route 99 serves as the major route for distributing its agricultural products for state, national, and export usage; and

WHEREAS, State Highway Route 99 between Bakersfield and Sacramento would benefit from infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and the Legislature last year committed an unprecedented investment in additional funds to transportation; and

WHEREAS, California's strong economy may again result in surplus moneys, and any surplus moneys will again provide an unprecedented opportunity to invest in infrastructure improvements that will sustain California's growing population; and

WHEREAS, This opportunity is worthy of careful consideration so as to produce the greatest possible benefits; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby requests the Department of Transportation to identify those transportation-related needs on the State Highway Route 99 between Bakersfield and Sacramento that would result in traffic congestion relief and the increased transportation of goods; and be it further

Resolved, That the department is urged to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2002, a report on its findings; and be it further

Resolved, That in the preparation of the report, the department is urged to seek the cooperation and assistance of local transportation agencies and, to the extent feasible, utilize road conditions and financial data already in existence or contained in previously completed reports or surveys; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Department of Transportation.

